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Sent: 3/4/2021 7:02:22 PM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia [Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov]; Butler, Thomas [Butler.Thomas@epa.gov]; Nguyen, Ylan [nguyen.ylan@epa.gov]
CC: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]; Ty, Fatima [Ty.Fatima@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue
Attachments: PV Shelf Response 3.4.21 draft.docx

Julia, Thomas, and Ylan:

Attached is the draft response to the reporter.
Please feel free to edit and comment.

Due to schedule constraints this morning, John couldn't conduct a detail review of the response and may provide additional comments later today.

Thank you!

Judy

From: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Ty, Fatima <Ty.Fatima@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Wonderful, thank you!!

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Subject: RE: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Julia:

I am working with John C. on a response.
Hopefully, we can get something to you tomorrow (if not earlier).

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From: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Ty, Fatima <Ty.Fatima@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Good afternoon!

I just received the below inquiry from Rossana Xia at the LA Times. I touched base with her on the phone, and basically the article will consist of an overview of “what people are saying”, what’s being done, and what the regulatory agencies are doing.

She would like to know if we either have a direct comment on Heal the Bay and Asm. O’Donnell’s calls to action, or if we can provide a general comment on the site’s status and/or EPA’s current actions.

Would providing a general comment be possible?

Something along the lines of: “EPA is committed to ensuring environmental justice and improving the health and safety of our constituents. EPA continues to engage and work with Montrose Chemicals Corp and the surrounding community to take action on these issues by....”

That is, of course, a VERY rough draft, and will definitely need to be tweaked (or perhaps re-engineered entirely), I just wanted to give scope of the potential statement.

The deadline on this is quite quick, unfortunately, as it’s Friday at 5pm, although there is an option to extend to Monday at 10am. I will be out of the office Friday 3/5 to Tuesday 3/9, but Alejandro Diaz has generously made himself available to step in if needed.

As always, happy to do whatever you think is best!

Thanks!

Julia

From: Xia, Rosanna <Rosanna.Xia@latimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: L.A. Times request for comment: DDT issue

Hi Julia,

I’m writing a follow up to this article that published in October, on the history of DDT waste dumping off the Los Angeles coast: <https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/>

I’m mostly summarizing the reactions and actions so far on this issue, including calls to action from advocacy groups like Heal the Bay (<https://healthebay.org/ddt-dumping-near-catalina/>) and a resolution from state Asm. O’Donnell that calls on the EPA and Congress to take action (<https://a70.asmdc.org/press-releases/20201208-odonnell-calls-clean-ddt>)

Would the EPA like to provide any comments for this article – either on this new information regarding the dumped waste barrels, or any updates on the Palos Verdes Superfund site?

I’m working with a 5pm Friday deadline (let me know if you need until Monday, I could try my best to block out some space for you in the draft that I submit to my editor).

I’ll give you a call now to touch base. Thank you for taking the time to look into this request for comment,

Rosanna

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